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Appl. No.: 10/700,194  
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Title: INTERCHANGEABLE MULCHING/DISCHARGE MOWING DECK  
Art Unit: 3671  
Examiner: Arpad F. Kovacs  
Docket No.: 114154-050

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Invention: **INTERCHANGEABLE MULCHING/DISCHARGE MOWING DECK**

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